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In view of the uncertainty as to WHEN we will have Anthracite coal, the price at which coal will sell, and the consequently decreased demand for stoves, we have decided to make the greatest cut in prices of all stoves, both Heating and Cook, (except WOOD and OIL heaters) that has ever been made by any dealer in Middletown or in this community. We have the largest and completest variety of the best stoves manufactured. All bought for cash down, and previously to the last two advances in prices. These stoves we will offer to cash buyers at rates the nearest to manufacturers' wholesale prices that have been heard of here.

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When your hands and head are weary,
And your soul has lost its song;
When the road is hot and dreary,
And the way seems very long;
When you have no heart for action,
When you need the spur and rod—
There's a world of satisfaction
In a plod, plod, plod!

Just to see the task before you,
And forget the distant goal;
Just to bid Renown ignore you,
And to bear a humble soul;
Just to trudge along contented
Where the many feet have trod—
There's no better rest invented
Than a plod, plod, plod!

Let the genius leap to glory—
Winged feet that spurn the soil;
Though I think the truer story
Is that talents always toils.
We will make a reputation
From a broom, a hoe, a hod;
There are fame and fascination
In a plod, plod, plod!

For in this way and no other
Do the seasons come and go,
And the great world is a brother
To the toiler with his hoe;
Near to nature working slowly,
We are close to nature's God
Then we give our spirits wholly
To a plod, plod, plod!

GOLDEN GATE TOUR

The first Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-conducted Tour to California for the present season will leave New York and Philadelphia on the Golden Gate Special, January 29, going via Chicago, Kansas City and El Paso to Los Angeles and San Diego. An entire motnh may be spent on the Pacific Coast. The Golden Gate Special will leave San Francisco, returning Tuesday, March 3, stopping at Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorada Springs and Denver. Rate, $300 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburg, covering all expenses of railroad transportation, side trips in California, and berth and meals going and returning on the special train. No hotel expenses in California are included. Tickets are good for return within nine months, but when not used returning on the Golden Gate Special they cover transportation only. For detailed itinerary apply to Ticket Agents, or address George W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

HONORED BY THE STATE PRESS

The annual meeting of the Delaware State Press Association was held Monday at the Capitol Hotel, Dover. These officers were elected:

President, Theodore Townsend, Milford; first vice president, E. L. Haines, Wilmington; second vice president, R. J. Mears, Milford; third vice president, Edwin R. Paynter, Georgetown; secretary and treasurer, Frank M. Jones, Georgetown; Executive committee, Monroe Ashmore, Dover; Joseph C. Jolls, Middletown; A. A. Bateman, Dover; Charles F. Wolfe, Lewes; Legislative committee, W. F. Metten, E. L. Haines, Wilmington; Frank Whelen, Monroe Ashmore, Dover; Frank M. Jones, Georgetown; County Executive Committees, New Castle, William Carter, E. M. Hoopes, A. W. Cummins; Kent, Monroe Ashmore, Frank Whelen, A. A. Bateman; Sussex, Charles F. Wolfe, George E. M. Stengle, Frank M. Jones.

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Middletown Directory.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

President, William R. Cochran; Secretary, George G. Rowe; Charles H. Howell, J. F. McWhorter.

BANKS.

Peoples National Bank.—President, Geo. M. D. Hart; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Teller, W. G. Lockwood. Bank Building on East Main Street.

Citizens National Bank.—President, Joseph Biggs; Cashier, John S. Crouch; Teller, F. Davis. Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

THE CHURCHES.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. C. T. Wyatt Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7.30 p. m. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday evening of each month at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday morning class, 9.30, Louis Fennimore, leader. Tuesday night class, 7.30, the pastor. Wednesday night class, 7.30, A. G. Cox.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, J. Fletcher Deakyne, Supt. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 a. m. Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7.30 p. m. and on Friday at 3.30 p. m.; during summer months at 6.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 9.30 a. m., Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 7.45 p. m. on Wednesdays. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m. and the Woman's Auxiliary on the second Friday of each month at 2.30 p. m. The rector conducts service in Odessa in the room under the Hall on the first and third Sundays of each month at four o'clock, and at St. Mary's Chapel, Townsend, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at half past three.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26th, 1903.

I shall never yield on the Statehood bill until it has been voted on by the Senate," said Senator Quay to-day in answer to an inquiry made by our correspondent. "The Statehood bill shall not pass even though a special session of Congress is necessitated by the methods we are compelled to adopt to defeat it," said Senator Hanna, when an inquiry was put to him and the remarks of the two men illustrate the present situation in the Senate. Under the rules of the Senate it is impossible to secure a vote on any measure as long as anyone desires to debate the question. Senator Quay has, by a test vote, demonstrated that seventeen Republicans and practically all the Democrats will vote for Statehood. This has placed the opposition, which includes the men recognized as leaders of the Republican party, in the position of filibusterers attempting to talk to death a measure favored by the majority of the Senate and they accept the charge and assert their intention of continuing to filibuster and their belief that they are warranted in so doing.

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Senator Hansbrough, who is an ardent advocate of statehood, said to-day, "The Republicans who support the Statehood bill are acting in accordance with their belief. They feel bound by the pledge of party platform and reasons, which are convincing to everyone who will take the trouble to investigate them that statehood should be granted to the territories. It is the opposition that is filibustering and preventing other legislation. We are ready for a vote at any moment and a vote would dispose of the measure in accordance with the will of the majority. The attempt of the leaders is contrary to the principles of government. They are endeavoring to make the minority rule. Every Republican who favors statehood feels that he has good company. Sixteen other Republicans think and feel as he does. There is no anti-trust bill before the Senate now. When there is it will become the certain duty of the leaders to permit a vote on the Statehood bill."

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The Administration anti-trust bill is now before the House. It has been carefully framed by the members of a subcommittee and the Attorney-General and is drawn upon lines dictated by the experience of the latter who has found the Sherman law deficient and has framed the present measure to supply its deficiencies, The proposed law is not drastic and contains no provision capable of inflicting the slightest injury on any corporation doing a legitimate business. It merely prohibits those discriminations which have, in the past, served to build up huge monopolies and provides the Government with the means for enforcing the law. It is the ardent hope of the President that the bill may become a law, a wish which is evidently seconded by the large majority of the people judging by the correspondence of numerous members of Congress which your correspondent has been permitted to see. The bill will pass the House at an early date and, it is believed, without opposition from the Democrats.

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According to present intentions the Elkins anti-trust bill which embodies one of the Attorney-General's recommendations, that rebates and concessions of all kinds on transportation charges be prohibited, will be reported to the Senate to-day. It is said by prominent senators that the Elkins bill will probably pass. The Immigration bill is being pushed in the Senate and Senator Fairbanks, who has the measure in charge, is confident that he will secure its passage.

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The utmost gratification is expressed by the friends of the Isthmius canal at the conclusion of a treaty with Colombia on terms generally regarded as most favorable to the United States. While the price to be paid, $10,000,000 cash and an annuity of $250,000 beginning five years after the ratification of the treaty, is a generous one from the standpoint of Colombia there is every reason to believe that this country will be amply compensated once the canal is in operation. The treaty was read to the Senate in secret session on Friday and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Several of the most influential members of the Senate told your correspondent that they were certain the treaty would be ratified in its present form at this session of Congress. The only element of doubt remaining is the Colombia Congress, both houses of which will have to vote on the convention.

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While Colombia technically observes the provision of her constitution, which forbids her to part with any portion of her territory, she leases to this country for a period of one hundred years, the desired zone of land with privilege of renewing the lease for a like period and the same rental, indefinitely. During the construction of the canal marital law is to prevail. After that arrangements are to be made for policing the strip, etc., by a joint high commission. At the end of sixty years the entire property of the Panama Railroad Company will revert to the United States. The treaty is generally regarded as another triumph for the diplomacy of Secretary Hay.

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The action of Germany in persistently bombarding San Carlos, Venezuela, is causing grave apprehension to the officers of this Government and to leading members of the Senate. A number of the latter have been interviewed by your correspondent and while most of them refused to be quoted on the subject all but one expressed the belief that the situation was becoming acute and threatened to involve the United States in difficulties with Germany. Senator Scott was outspoken in his denunciation of the action of Germany saying, "Germany has exceeded all bounds of decency and honor." Senator Allison said, "The situation looks most peculiar and suggests grave complications but in the absence of complete knowledge of the facts it would be unwise to pass judgment on Germany's intentions." Senator Dryden maintains his confidence in Germany's integrity and said, "I do not believe that Germany has ulterior motives in her action against Venezuela."

LEVY COURT NAMES WALKER

Aspiring Attorney Was Turned Down by the Court.

THE DEMOCRATS FOR RODNEY

The Levy Court in regular session Tuesday morning elected Francis M. Walker attorney for the court. The election was a big surprise to Mr. Walker and his many friends, as it was unsolicited.

The contest for the attorneyship, which has been going on for several weeks, has attracted much attention, and the court room was crowded with visitors when the election took place. It became rumored early in the morning that notwithstanding the fact that Horace G. Knowles, had been looked upon as the most likely candidate, he would not be the choice of the caucus.

Shortly before 11 o'clock President Chandler and Messrs. Megginson, Willits, Elliott and Hopkins, the five Republican members, went into caucus in Comptroller Kelley's office. After being out for about fifteen minutes, the five members returned and some routine business was transacted.

After the routine business had been disposed with, President Chandler announced that the court would go into the election of an attorney to serve one year from the first Tuesday in January.

WILLITS NOMINATES WALKER

Mr. Willits nominated Francis M. Walker. In making the nomination, he said: "I take great pleasure in placing before you the name of a gentleman who is well-known and respected. The gentleman I refer to is Francis M. Walker. I would like to say that this position was unsolicited by Mr. Walker. He was the choice of the caucus."

Mr. Hopkins said it gave him pleasure to second the nomination. That Mr. Walker was from his own hundred and that he had known him all his life.

On motion the nominations were closed and Messrs. Mealey and Hopkins were appointed tellers by the chair to collect the votes. When counted it was found that Mr. Walker received five votes and John H. Rodney, Democrat, two votes. Messrs. Mealey and Armstrong, the Democratic members, voted for Mr. Rodney.

President Chandler announced the election of Mr. Walker. Mr. Chandler said he would like to see Mr. Walker to find out if he would accept the election, but the latter was not in the court room.

Mr. Armstrong said that as Mr. Walker was already attorney for the Legislature, he thought it would be rather unhandy for him to serve the Levy Court.

Mr. Willits stated that the Legislature had three attorneys, and as the Levy Court would have more or less business to come before the Legislature, it would probably save the county expense, having an attorney on the ground.

RESCUED FROM BARGE

Captain Peter Schook, Mate John Mulder, and crew of four colored men, of the coal barge Jennie Hughes, were rescued Saturday night from the sinking barge in a very thrilling manner. The Hughes and the barge Camden left Norfolk Friday in tow of the Gypsum King for Pawtucket, R. I. Early Saturday morning the northeast gale that swept the cost struck them. The tow was then off Hog Island and no place to seek harbor. The gale continued to increase in velocity and the sea ran higher and stronger. All was going well, however, until late Saturday night, by which time the sea had risen so high that the barge's decks were continously under water and the climax to the situation came about 10.30 o'clock, when a big sea smashed in the engine house, disabled the pumps an left a big open space where the water flowed into the hold. Whistles exchanged with the tugboat in the darkness told them to cut loose, and it was only after making three efforts to reach the barge's bow, being swept back by the sea, awash on her decks, that Captain Schook managed to cut the hawser. The Gypsum King then came as near as possible under the lee side of the rapidly sinking barge and by means of a life line managed to save the entire crew. They tied the line about their waists and plunged into the angry see and were rapidly hauled aboard the tug. Fortunately all escaped without being hurt.

The Hughes had 1,995 tons of coal. She was a reconstructed four-masted schooner and was changed three years ago. The captain and crew were landed at Lewes and sent to New York Saturday afternoon. The Camden is in the harbor leaking heavily.

USEFUL HINTS

If the wick of a lamp does not move easily in the holder draw out one or two threads from one side. The wick should be as large as the holder will receive.

Kerosene added to boiled starch—a tablespoonful to a quart—will prevent the smoothing irons from sticking, and will give a gloss to the articles. The scent will all evaporate in the drying.

Lamp burners which are in constant use should be boiled occasionally in pearline or sode suds, then scrubbed and polished with brick dust, when they will do as good service as new ones.

When silver spoons become discolored from egg scour them with fine table salt. This will remove the discoloration, which is caused by the sulphur in the egg, and will not scratch or wear the silver.

A good perfume for closets and drawers, and one that will help to keep the moths away, is made of one ounce of cedar, rhubarb and cloves, pulverized together. Put the powder between cotton and tie in a bag.

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GOOD ROADS WORK

"There is no disputing the fact that the building of good road by a county or by a state is an economic measure pure and simple. It is not difficult to figure the saving that results from making roads passable every day in the year—a saving of time and horseflesh.

"The agitation in this state for an act to provide for a business-like care of the roads is growing and the demand is one that ought to be heeded by the General Assembly. Two or more road bills are now before the General Assembly for consideration. One of the first things to bear in mind in connection with the consideration of a road law is to provide against an large expenditure for salaries. It is not necessary at all to have an expensive corps of engineers and assistants to do the work. One competent man at the head of the department of roads—if such a branch of the state government is to be created—would be sufficient. Under the direction of this head the work could be done well and economically, provided the right kind of a man was selected. The state is not large and there would be no difficulty in one man keeping in touch with the road system.

"What is needed is a systematic scheme that would bring about the completion of a certain amount of work each year, and in a way that would produce the best results in the shortest possible time. By improving the roads that connect with the main highways or turnpikes or that lead to railroad stations much could be accomplished in a few years. The proposed state road is a fine proposition, yet the first need of users of the roads is to have the side or connecting roads put in good order. Whatever is done in the way of the passage of an act should provide for the best results at the least possible expenditure of money for salaries. The matter of road building is pretty well understood, and an intelligent directing head should be able, backed by a sufficient appropriation, to accomplish excellent results.

"In writing of good roads, and especially in connection with the Hon. W. P. Brownlow's bill to provide government assistance for road building in the several states, Mr. J. B. Killebrew says:

"Say what we please about the influence of public schools, the press, the pulpit, the platform and other institutions that mark the civilized progress of mankind, yet all these are more or less dependent upon the facilities of intercourse between the people. In fact it is an undeniable truth that civilization means labor in some form and labor is the ability to move things from place to place and its efficiency depends upon the ease with which they are moved. No nation has ever yet achieved permanent renown without good roads or ever built them and regretted it afterwards. No community in possession of good roads would be willing to surrender them upon the repayment of their cost and maintenance. Of all the expenditures made by aggregated bodies or by government agencies, while it may not be the least felt, it produces the greatest good and the greatest satisfaction to the greatest number.

"Everybody uses good roads; the millionaire and the beggar, the black and the white, the lame and the blind, women and children, all enjoy and participate in the advantages and blessings of good roads. They are the morning star of progress; they are the fountain heads of trade and commerce; they are the avenues over which pass the main agencies for the dissemination of knowledge and the increase of intelligence, as well as the enjoyments of social intercourse in rural life. They provide the means for the performance of public duty; of reaching local markets or shipping points on the railways. They serve more country people in the aggregate than the railroads themselves.

"Here we have a clear exposition, in a few words, of what good roads mean to the country. The rapid increase in the mileage of electric roads, the multiplication of motor vehicles, and all that sort of thing, have emphasized the need of better roads. They are not for pleasure riders alone, but the farmers and others engaged in transportation of goods are the ones most directly interested. The subject is admittedly one of the first importance, and Delaware should at least take a step in the direction of showing that it is anxious to have its highways made approximately what they ought to be."—*Morning News.*

Panoramic Photographs of Harper's Ferry

The January number, "Book of the Royal Blue," published by the Passenger Department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, gives an interesting article on the recent advances made in panoramic photography, illustrating same with halftone reproductions of the most remarkable photographs eyer taken of Harper's Ferry. Each of the original photographs taken from opposite points of view, represent 190 degrees of the horizon, showing for the first time the magnificent distances in the scenery at this historic point. One of the photos is taken at an altitude of 350 feet, on Maryland Heights looking down upon the village. It not only takes in the whole village but includes the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and portions of Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia.

The other is taken from Bolivar Heights looking eastward, showing the great gap which is the eastern gateway of the Alleghenny Mountains.

The photographs are panels 34 inches long by 7 inches wide, and are among the most artistic of the many photographs of the famous Baltimore & Ohio scenery. Copies of the pictures will be made on aristo-platinum paper, mounted for framing, for $2.00 each (not including express charges) on application to D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Baltimore.

Copies of the "Book of the Royal Blue" will be mailed to any address on receipt of five (5) cents; or will be mailed for one year for fifty (50) cents.

THE CANNING PROSPECT GOOD

Tomatoes Likely to be Plentiful in Some Sections

SOME CONTRACTS ARE MADE

After the meeting of the American Packing Association which was held in Wilmington, the members present declined to discuss the nature of the business which had been considered, but it was understood judging from a remark made by one of the members before the meeting, that the object was to consider prospects for next season. Whether prices were touched upon could not be learned, but it is believed that no definite action was taken in that matter as it is too early to make any calculations as to what raw material will cost.

It is understood that there is a movement among some of the farmers on the Peninsula in favor of reaching an agreement as to the charge they will make for tomatoes during the season.

In past years the farmers acted independently of each other and as a result some received good prices while others did not fare so well. In fact, the business was demoralized and the result was far from satisfactory except in some sections.

In some parts of the Peninsula farmers have been called upon by people who made inquiry concerning tomato prospects and the prices that are likely to prevail, and it is said that some contracts have been made, although it could not be learned whether the packing association was interested. Members of the association who were spoken to on the subject could give no information and would not advance any opinions as to the prospects.

It is said that in some parts of the Peninsula farmers intend to go into the tomato raising business more extensively than ever before, with the hope of making good contracts for the product of their farms. Several Farmers' Institutes are to be held in the lower counties in the near future and it is likely that much will depend upon the dissemination of information on the subject which is likely to be discussed at length.

MARYLAND NOTES

The jurors for the April term of Circuit Court for Kent County have been drawn by Judge James Alfred Pearce.

The rates for electric lights in Chestertown will be temporarily increased owing to the increased cost of coal.

A steel bridge will shortly be built over Kent Narrows by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County.

Charles Simpers, an aged farmer residing near Elkton, died Sunday night, after a short illness from pneumonia, aged 70 years.

The Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association has decided to form branch organizations in the various counties of the State.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Co., has changed its site for the new station in Chestertown to the foot of Cross street, which is more centrally located.

The Town Commissioners of Belair are considering the subject of reorganizing the local fire company, and have called a public meeting for that purpose.

Dr. Howard Bratton, secretary of the Cecil County Board of Health, in his report to the State Board states that 20,000 more windows are needed in Cecil County to-day.

The American Seamen's Friend Society of New York, presented Bibles to the midshipmen of the graduating class of the Annapolis Academy through its secretary, Dr. Stitt.

While at work in his wheelwright shop at Locust Grove, J. Kelley was accidentally struck a stunning blow between the eyes by a sledge hammer in the hands of his assistant.

The Susquehanna Paper Mills, near Conowingo, which for many years did a thriving business, are being dismantled and the machinery is being shipped to another mill.

The second session of the Farmers' Institute was held Monday at Zion under the direction of Director W. L. Amoss. An interesting programme was arranged for the occasion.

No trace has yet been found of the body of Engineer G. B. Askew, of Philadelphia, who was accidentally killed and thrown into Big Elk Creek, near Elkton, several weeks ago.

Work on the new National Bank Building at Chesapeake City is nearly completed, and it is expected the bank will open its doors for business on February 1st, with Joseph Steel as president and John Banks cashier.

The tugboat Irene, which was sunk in the Delaware & Chesapeake Canal, near Chesapeake City, by the ice during the past week, has been raised, and as soon as the ice is cleared from the canal, will be removed to Baltimore for repairs.

The Mount Vernon Literary Society of Washington College, Chestertown, and the Bancroft Literary Society of Baltimore College, have completed arrangements for an intercollegiate debate on February 28th, to be held in Baltimore.

The Methodist Protestant Church at Salisbury, which has been undergoing extensive repairs and improvements, was rededicated Sunday in the presence of a large congregation. The opening sermon was preached by President F. T. Tagg of Baltimore. Rev. Hugh Elderdice preached the evening sermon.

After two week suffering from hiccoughs, John Donnell Smith, who was popularly known among New York, Philadelphia & Baltimore wild duck shooters, died Sunday evening at Havre de Grace. He was 32 years old, and was the son of Robert H. Smith of Fort Collins, Col. A widow and one child service.

DELAWARE NOTES

R. B. Hopkins was elected president of the Milton Fire Company.

Wilmington dealers, during the week, are expecting a plentiful supply of coal.

Wilmington morocco workers may be organized into a Leather Trades Council.

The semi-annual meeting of the Delaware State Press Association was held in Dover Monday.

Newport residents held a massmeeting Monday evening to consider the proposed new charter.

Many farmers about Lincoln City have decided not to contract with canners for their fruit and vegetables.

Rev. J. M. Mitchell has been invited to return as pastor of Seaford Methodist Episcopal Circuit for another year.

Postmaster Daniel B. Stewart of St. Georges, fell on the ice near his home Sunday night. He was badly injured.

The Wilmington Academy of Music has been leased to Frank Burt, connected with the theatrical firm of Stair & Harlin.

The members of the Milton Fire Co. contemplate placing some amusements in the enginehouse for the entertainment of the members.

Three more carloads of coal for the poor of Wilmington were received Monday by the city authorities, from the Reading Company.

Some of the young men of Milford are talking of forming a new brass band and expect to engage an instructor from Wilmington or Philadelphia.

Madam Barakat, the well-known temperance and missionary speaker of Philadelphia, spoke in Harrison Street M. E. Church Sunday morning.

Three daily way freights will be in service on the Delaware railroad between Wilmington, Clayton, Delmar and Harrington, on and after February 1st.

Ansel Holloway, national organizer of the Grange, has instituted a new grange at Frankford and revived the granges at Delmar, Seaford, Harrington and Greenwood.

The funeral of Policeman William Floyd was held Monday in Wilmington, every member of the Department attending the services in St. John's Episcopal Church by Rev. George C. Hall.

Because he said the Judge knew it all and that there was no use for him to make a defense, Bradford Carty in Wilmington Court was fined $5 and costs for contempt and heid for a further hearing.

As a result of the proclamation of Governor Hunn directing that dogs in school district No. 20, of New Castle County, be kept within doors, residents are bringing their canines to Wilmington and turning them loose.

Trustees of the New Castle County Workhouse Monday awarded the contract for rebuilding the burned part of the structure to William J. Brown for $12,375. The workshop will be located separate from the main building.

The chicken thieves who have been working in and about New Castle for sometime carry skeleton keys and have a team in which they load their booty and travel from place to place. But two locks have been broken or boards torn from henneries they have looted.

SNAKES, OPPOSUMS AND BEES

A colored man of Bridgeville tells of a singular experience he had while cutting wood at Middleford, a small village about seven miles from Bridgeville which is noted for its great quantity of sand burrs. He was looking around in search of a large tree, when he happened to run across an enormous oak and thought what a great quantity of firewood it would make if cut down and sawed up. He straightway fell to work and after he had felled the tree, he noticed down in the bottom of the stump a dark mass of something and upon investigation found it to be water snakes. They were apparently lifeless, but of course were only numb and cold. They had gone into the tree as is the habit of water snakes to stay through the cold weather. He took them out by means of two forked sticks and after counting them found there were just eighty-two. Some were, of course, very small, but a great many of them measured over three feet.

He then began his operation upon the tree and after having cut away about half of the trunk, he discovered the eyes of two opossums peeping slyly out at him. There was a hole in the side of the tree where they had made their home. They were taken prisoners on the spot. The woodchopper went on with his cutting in hearty anticipation of roast 'possum on the morrow. He had succeeded in cutting up the greater part of the tree, when he discovered in the very topmost part a hive of bees. This was the third find and a very profitable one it proved to be, for the whole top part of the tree was a hollow and filled with clear, rich honey. The bees, fortunately, were too mumb to molest. So borrowing a large washtub from a house nearby, he proceeded to help himself to the honey.

The tree so far had proved a gold mine. This story is vouched for as the truth and happened about two weeks ago. The tree stood just at the head of the mill pond and it was natural the snakes would go into the tree, it being large and hollow.

ABSENT SIXTY YEARS

Abraham McCormick has reached his old home at Blackbird station after having been gone from Delaware for about 60 years. He went out to Colorado in 1843, where he engaged in business and made a fortune. He was born in the ancient looking frame dwelling on the William Fortner farm which is about half a mile from Blackbird station.

He drove to the place of his birth on Friday and made an inspection of the buildings. He shed tears while looking into the room in which he said he was born over 80 years ago. He says he will spend the remainder of his days in Delaware. He is a very interesting old man and can easily recall many incidents happening in Delaware over 80 years ago.—*Sunday Star.*

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AN EXPLANATION

We observe that the Levy Court of this County has appointed a committee with instructions to wait upon THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, and demand of that journal an explanation of its use of the words "a gang of thieves," in its editorial columns of the 24th inst. We were privately informed that "inquiry" was not the only object of this committee; but that part of the program was to smash our heads. With this admonition, we limbered up our six shooter and have been waiting the occasion requiring us to take a little hand in the smashing process, but the smashers not appearing, we will proceed to pulbish our explanation.

We here and now, enter the plea "that what we said is true," and for the proof of it, we respectfully refer the Committee to the Records of the Criminal Court in New Castle County, at the November term, A. D., 1901; and for a further record in that behalf we direct you to the calander of the New Castle County penitentiary, commonly called the Work House. And for your further enlightenment, we would have you dust up your memory and turn your reflections to the condition of things in the Levy Court prior to two years ago, which stirred the people of this County as they were never stirred before, and invoked the organization in the city of Wilmington, what was called The Citizens' Committee. And at last so high-handed had this corruption gotten, that the Legislature was called upon to intervene, and empowered the Governor to appoint two aditional members to break it up. And when driven to the last extremity, witnesses were suborned to commit perjury in defense of the perpetrators, one of whom is now serving his term in the Work House.

When our Lord was on earth He charged His generation that they had turned the House of God into a den of thieves, but we find no record or intimation that Nicodemus, or Joseph of Arimathen, or James or John, applied the epithet to themselves, though they habitually worshiped in the temple.

SORRY AND GLAD

We are pleased to be able to read in the columns of the *Evening Journal* that it did not mean what it said in reference to the reorginization of the Levy Court so far as Mr. Willits was involved. The substance of the *Journal's* explanation is, that it was both sorry and glad over one and the something—sorry because Mr. Willits was not re-elected president; glad because it was to be presumed that his failure would be displeasing to Mr. Bach and Mr. Quigley. It is a well known fact that Mr. Willits had openly antagonized Mr. Quigley, and neither he nor Mr. Bach took any part whatever in the matter of the election of a president of the Levy Court. The *Journal* says our advocy of Mr. Willits was more a defense of Mr. Quigley and Mr. Bach, but we were unconscious of any such thing, and not aware that either of those gentlemen had done anything requiring defense. As an organizer and campaigner, we have never known Mr. Bach's equal, and for thirty years all his power in that behalf has been hurled against the Democratic party in this State, and for that reason has invoked the enmity of quite a few of the leaders of that party. Notably has he been the object of vituperative abuse by the *Every Evening*. That journal has excused and defended every political crime that its party ever committed, and was one of the most potential influences that made Addicks and his methods a possibility in Delaware. We do not content ourselves with being against Addicks, but we are against the scoundrelism that made him a possibility.

ATTORNEY FOR LEVY COURT

The Levy Court did a good thing last Tuesday in electing Francis M. Walker as its attorney, and we regret that Mr. Walker felt it his duty to resign. Without intending in anyway to reflect upon the retiring attorney, we feel that Mr. Walker is one of the best expounents of honest capable government, and as attorney for the Levy Court he would have been able to help along the cause. He felt however that his position as attorney for the Legislature might conflict with his duties as attorney for the Levy Court, and therefore declined to accept the latter office. We fail to see the fine distinction, but can see many reasons why the two offices might well be united in one person. Many proposed bills affecting this county and its government, such as the good roads law, changes in the ballot and tax laws, etc., will doubtless be offered in the Legislature and be passed upon by its attorneys. In all of this class of proposed legislation the interests of the county might best be subserved by the union above indicated.

In addition to the public reasons, there are political ones which Mr. Walker should have considered and which it is not too late yet to weigh. It was proven that on him, four of the five Republican members can and did unite. It is probable that this cannot be done on any other person, and to open the matter might result in a bitter protracted fight. The Republican party has troubles and factional quarrels enough on its hands, and we certainly hope that Mr. Walker may yet see his way clear to withdraw his resignation.

CALEB EXPLODES

Well now! the *New Era* has perked up and put its mouth in it. Having entered the sere and yellow leaf, we had concluded that you were growing old gracefully, but you have come back to grin and make faces. But we quite agree to some things you say. "Our trusted officials." Yes they were trusted. That was the devil of it. Would that we had not trusted them. "Men elected to perform their duty." Yes, that is what they were elected for. "Object to being called a pack of thieves." We never knew a knave who loved to be told of it. But see here Cale, you said we "happened to fill the editorial chair." There you are wrong. We are no accident, or chance issue. We are a deliberate cold blooded malice aforthought. You also called us a snip. We were getting ready to agree to that because we thought you meant we were very young. But we consulted Websters' Dictionary, and find that the word snip is a noun, and means a share, a snack, a tailor. Now you must have intended to call us a snack. But I tell you old man, if you tackle us you will find us a full meal, and you will have more brains in your belly than you ever had in your head.

[Communicated]

THAT TROLLEY BILL

MR. EDITOR:—In my Judgment our constitnents composing the Legislature would only be doing their duty if they would stop and consider the financial interests of our people before allowing certain measures to pass that body. The farmers are to-day laden with taxation, yet the so called "Good Roads Bill," the $20,000 appropriation bill for the St. Louis Exposition building, and the many hundreds of dollars expended in various other ways all help to keep the rate of taxation exceedingly high.

At the present time there is a trolly bill before that honorable body, which if passed, will greatly increase the value of property throughout the state, and not advance the taxes one penny. Give us an opportunity to keep abreast with our sister states, and in my opinion nothing can be done that will be of more importance to the people of the little Diamond State than a trolley line extending from Wilmington to Lewis.

A TAX PAYER.

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THE SENATORAL CONTEST

The Senatorial fight goes merrily on and two fruitless ballots are taken each day even when the body is off on an excursion or on a Saturday half holiday when a few Kent county members are instructed to assemble and go through the form of a ballot in order to comply with the constitution and prevent the spell from breaking.

The vote Monday was as follows:
For the long term Senatorship:
J. Edward Addicks, 21.
James H. Hughes, 21.
Col. Henry A. duPont, 10.
Total vote, necessary to a choice, 27.
President Ellison declared there had been no election.
For the short term Senatorship:
David T. Marvel, 21.
J. Edward Addick, 19.
Anthony Higgins. 10.
William S. Hillis, 2.
Total vote, 52; necessary to a choice, 27; no electioh.

The balloting Tuesday was identical with that of Monday, except that Addicks and Hilles each lost one vote, in consequence of the absence of Representative Jones.

The Seventh joint ballot on Wednesday was without change except that two Regulars voted for Harry A. Richardson.

The vote for the long term Senatorship was as follows: James H. Hughes, 21; J. Edward Addicks, 21; Col. Henry A. duPont, 10. Total vote. 52; necessary to a choice, 27. No election.

The vote for the short term senatorship was as follows: David T. Marvel, 21; J. Edward Addicks, 19; Anthony Higgins, 8; Harry A. Richardson, 2; T. Coleman duPont, 2. Total vote, 52. necessary to a choice, 27. No election.

The Senatorial balloting is now becoming somewhat monotonous. The vote Thursday was as follows: Long term—Dr. J. J. Black, 21; John Edward Addicks, 21; H. A. duPont, 10. No election. Short term—John Biggs, 21; John Edward Addicks, 19; Anthony Higgins, 8; T. Coleman duPont, 2; H. A. Richardson, 2. No election.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

Tuesday, February 10th, 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by John W. Webb, one-quarter of a mile from McDonough, on the road leading to Port Penn. Joseph M. Armstrong auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 11th, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, &c., by William C. McCoy, on the Julian Cochran farm, one mile southwest of Middletown, on the road from Middletown, to the Levels. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

Thursday, February 12th, 1903, at 10.30 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of Stock and farming implements by Elwood B. Cleaver, on the Brady home farm ½ mile south of Mt. Pleasant. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 17th, 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Otho Marvel, on the "Watkins Farm," near Noxontown Mills. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 18th, 1903.—Administrators Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by C. S. Goldsborough, on the "Price Farm," near Warwick.

Thursday, February 19th, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, &c., by James L. Dickinson, on the "Appleton Farm," 1¼ miles southeast from Middletown.

Friday, February 20th, 1903, at 10 o'clock A. M.—Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by Marcellus Jones, on my farm, known as the St. Annes' or Gilpin farm, opposite old St. Anne's Church, one mile South of Middletown, Del. W. H. Reynolds, Auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 25th, 1903.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Frank H. Hendrickson, on the farm known as the "George Cleaver Farm," on the Dutch Neck road, 1 mile south of Delaware City. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

Panoramic Photographs of Harper's Ferry

The January number, "Book of the Royal Blue," published by the Passenger Department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, gives an interesting article on the recent advances made in panoramic photography, illustrating same with half-tone reproductions of the most remarkable photographs eyer taken of Harper's Ferry. Each of the original photographs taken from opposite points of view, represent 190 degrees of the horizon, showing for the first time the magnificent distances in the scenery at this historic point. One of the photos is taken at an altitude of 350 feet, on Maryland Heights looking down upon the village. It not only takes in the whole village but includes the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canals and portions of Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia.

The other is taken from Bolivar Height, looking eastward, showing the great gap which is the eastern gateway of the Alleghany Mountains.

The photographs are panels 34 inches long by 7 inches wide, and are among the most artistic of the many photographs of the famous Baltimore & Ohio scenery. Copies of the pictures will be made on aristo-platinum paper, mounted for framing, for $2.00 each (not including express charges) on application to D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Baltimore.

Copies of the "Book of the Royal Blue" will be mailed to any address on receipt of five (5) cents; or will be mailed for one year for fifty (50) cents.

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Golden Oak finished Chiffoniers, six deep drawers, shaped top, panelled sides and brass handles. Reduction sale price, $4.98.

Oak Bureaus, French plate, bevel edge mirror, in caved standard, three deep drawers, with swell top, highly polished and finished. Reduction price, $6.98.

Oak Sideboard, of selected oak, carved top, French plate mirror, turned posts, swell top drawers and handsome carvings. Reduction price, $23.50.

Enamel Bedsteads, extra high, spindle head, some have goose-neck design posts, others with turned posts, heavy brass rods and spindles, worth $8.00. Reduction sale price, $6.50.

Highly polished Parlor Rockers, made of quartered oak, high spindle, flat back, comfortable, level arms, saddle seat, strong and well made rocker. Regular price, $6.00 reduction price, $4.48.

Pure Husk Mattresses, covered with heavy quality ticking choice, soft top, one or two parts, well tufted, round edges, all sizes. Regular price, $4.00, reduction price, $3.00.

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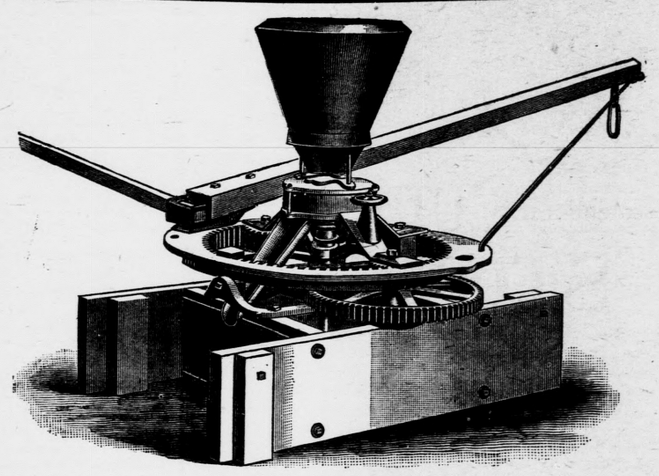

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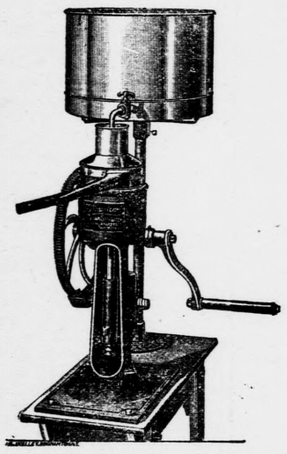

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South Bound—12.49, 6.31, 9.21 and 11.40 a. m.; 3.56, 4.44 and 7.5 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.43 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.10 a.m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p.m.
For Odessa—9.50 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.05 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 31, 1903.

Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

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We reckon that of the many bills being sent out now those for coal will be the first to receive attention—and be paid. Can't afford to stand the coal dealer off.

A series of sales of pies, cakes, salads, etc., will be held in the New Century Club room, beginning Saturday afternoon, February 7th, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3.30 to 5; Saturday afternoons, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

If you want THE TRANSCRIPT to come to you or to your friend for the coming year, just send in $1 to pay for it and we'll do our part for the next 52 weeks. Our terms are in advance always.

Owing to the storm Saturday night, many of our stores closed much earlier than usual. The large crowds of country people who come to town usually did not arrive, and business was very dull with our merchants.

We have on hand or will order STOVE REPAIRS for all makes of stoves. Give us the number of your stove and the makers name, and we will give you the repairs at once.
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Dr. Dorsey W. Lewis has decided to locate in Middletown, and will open offices in a very few days at the residence of Mr. Julian Cochran on West Main street, adjoining the National Hotel, where he will be at your service.

Information gathered from the peach growers of Delaware show that the prospects are good. It is somewhat too previous for predictions, but the chances seem favorable. If the present crop shall prove good it will be the fourth in succession within the past decade.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Self-mastery or Slavery." 1 Cor. 9:24-27. Leader, Mrs. Sallie Gill.

The subject of the Rev. F. H. Moore's sermon to-morrow evening in the Forest Presbyterian Church will be "The Power of the Keys." All are cordially invited.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling of the late Dr. I. S. Vallandigham. Apply on the premises. MRS. I. S. VALLANDIGHAM.

One million five hundred thousand converts have been made by the Methodist Episcopal Church during the four years of the twentieth century thank offering movement. This announcement is made in the Christian Advocate, the figures being based on reports of the probationers admitted to the church.

The snow storm which visited this section on Saturday afternoon and evening gave promise at first of affording our sleighers an opportunity to indulge in the sport. The snow was of short duration and notwithstanding there was a fairly good bottom, there was only about two inches of snow.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Jan. 22d: Mrs. A. E. Brown, Miss Mary M. Deedly, Miss Janie Hessey, Miss Millison J. Ray, Mrs. James F. Scott, Mrs. Susan Smith, Miss Mamie Thomas, Mrs. Bell Walters, Mrs. Maggie Williams, George W. Turner, Jr.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Decide To-day." Heb. 3:7-13. (Christian Endeavor Day.) Leader, J. F. Deakyne.

Miss Sarah Caulk died at the residence of Mrs. Mary A. Staats on East Main street on Saturday evening, after a lingering illness. Miss Caulk was in the 83d years of her age, and had always made her home with Mrs. Staats. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. T. Wyatt on Tuesday, interment being made in the M. P. Cemetery at Sassafras Md.,

The Kingston *Evening Times* says of a recent performance in that city: "The entertainment put on by the Guy Bros.' Minstrels at the Grand last night drew a large audience, who were more than pleased with the performance accorded them. The first act consisted of a grand spectacular with special scenery and electrical effects, representing the Hunter's Rest. The Hunters come in for a rest and bring their colored servants with them to make things lively. They pass the time with songs and dances, Albert Guy acting as chief of the Hunters. The act was well rendered, and the effects very pretty, while the choruses and solos called forth much applause. A good word might also be added for the orchestra, which is one of the best on the road." The Guy Bros.' Minstrels will appear at the Middletown Opera House, Wednesday evening, February 4th.

Compliments Treasurer Burris

Purnell B. Norman, Jr., auditor of accounts, has completed his audit of the accounts of State Treasurer Martin B. Burris. He was delighted with them, saying they were the cleanest he had ever had anything to do with.

SINCLAIR-ALEXANDER

Miss Elizabeth Jeannette Alexander, only daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Alexander, was married at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening at West Street Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C., to Mr. Robert Soutter Sinclair, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The bridal party consisted of Miss Ethel Heywood, of Jackson, Mich., and six bridesmaids—Miss Sinclair and Miss Agnes M. Sinclair, of Philadelphia; Miss Eliza B. Arrowsmith, of Matawan, N. J.; Miss Katherine V. White, daughter of Gov. White, of Charlestown, W. V.; Miss Elizabeth C. Rogers, of New York City, and Miss Helen Broeksmit, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the latter two classmates of the bride at Mount Holyoke College.

Mr. Sinclair was attended by his brother, Dr. John F. Sinclair, of Philadelphia, as best man. The ushers were Messrs. J. H. Mines, O. J. Roberts, Edware Woolman, Edward C. Wood, and Dr. E. H. Hodge, Jr., of Philadelphia, and Mr. William C. Alexander, Jr., of Washington. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Lewis Reese Alexander, of Pittsburg, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Alexander, D. D., assisted by the Rev. S. R. Qeen, of Philadelphia, uncle of the bride. The bride wore white satin, trimmed with point lace. The bridesmaids wore white organdie. The ceremony was followed by a large reception at the manse, which was attended by friends from New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and elsewhere. After a short trip Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair will reside in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Among those present from Delaware were Miss Fannie Shepherd, of Middletown, who was a guest of the brides parents during the week; Senator Harry Ellison, and Rev. Henry Ruiner, D. D.,

DAMON LODGE ENTERTAINS

In reponse to the invitations sent out, about 75 members and invited guests of Damon Lodge, No 12, K. of P. assembled in McWhorter's Hall, Wednesday evening, to celebrate the 32d anniversary and public installation of the above named lodge. The various committees appointed some weeks back to make all necessary arrangements had apparently left nothing undone, as the evening was one of much enjoyment to the participants. Price's Orchestra was present and rendered some fine selections, and the visitors and local members made many pleasing remarks suitable to the occasion.

Deputy Grand Chancellor J. H. Scott and Grand Master W. W. Knowles, of Wilmington, and other grand officers of the order were present and installed the new officers, as follows: C. C., Ira W. Qwens; V. C., W. F. Shallcross; M. W., P. L. McWhorter; Prelate, Dr. C. A. Ritchie; M. A., H. S. Beasten; K. R. S., J. C. Jolls; M. F., G. Ellis; M. E., L. B. Lee; O. G., Charles Lochner, I. G., Edwin Alexander.

About 10.30 o'clock the guests and members journeyed to the Hose House where a sumptuous repast was served and much enjoyed.

TROLLEY ROAD

In the Legislature on Tuesday Representative Aspril gave notice of an important bill in the House which provides for a continuous electric railway through the State of Delaware. It calls for the construction of the road from Delaware City, the end of the present electric line in the northern part of the State, to Lewes, the tracks to be laid along the old King's highway, as the State road was formerly called. It also provides for the issuance of bonds bearing interests at 3½ per cent. for $100.000, to be issued by the State, and payable in twenty years. This is to pay the actual cost of construeting the road. A forfeit of $50,000 must be posted by the contractor, and the Levy Courts of the counties are to widen the highway to the required width of sixty feet, except in cities and towns.

John C. Corbit, Samuel W. Hall and Dr. Hiram R. Burton are named as commissioners to contract for the building of the road, and the bill further provides that the commisssoners shall receive $5 per day for each day of service in the State's interest.

FOR PROTECTION OF GAME

At a meeting of the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association held Thursday night of last week in Baltimore, it was decided to organize branches of the Association in the various counties of the State, for the protection of game and fish. The organizations will haye their own officers, but will be under the general direction of the State body. The work of organization will be taken up at an early day. It was also decided to petition the Governor and Board of Public Works to allow one or more vessels of the State Fishery force fleet to remain in commission during the summer season for the purpose of preventing violations of the fish laws during the period when the State Fishery vessels are usually laid by.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

What has become of the beautiful snow?

Mr. William Berry was in town Thursday on business.

Mr. I. G. Griffith is candidate for County Treasurer.

It is now feared the Botkin case many never come up for trial.

Mr. George Spear was entertained by Mrs. Albert Spear and family one day last week.

It is proposed to change the name of the steamer "Sassafras," which was recently lengthened twenty-five feet and otherwise improved.

A number of our citizens as well as ice dealers have filled their ice houses, and report this as being the best ice harvest they have had for years.

There are not likely to be many changes made among Methodist Episcopal ministers in Cecil county at the session of the Wilmington Conference, to be held at Easton during March.

The new National Bank Building at Chesapeake City is nearing completion, and it is expected to be open for business by February 1st, with John Burks Cashier, and Joseph H. Steele, President.

Card of Thanks

I desire to thank the people of Middletown for their kindness during the illness and death of my husband.
Mrs. James Walker.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. S. E. Massey was in Philadelphia Wednesday.

Miss Blanche Roberts is visiting Wilmington relatives.

Miss Anna M. Freeman is the guest of relatives in Elkton.

Miss Ada Scott spent several days with Lewes friends.

Mr. F. H. Burgess, of Ridley Park, Pa., was in town Thursday.

Mr. C. Hearne, of Laurel, spent several days with friends here.

Miss Daisy Naudain is the guest of Centreville, Md., friends.

Miss Emma Hearne, of Clayton, has been visiting Miss Katie Green, near town.

Miss Mary Williams visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Williams, this week.

Mr. Paul Messick, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his parents on South Broad street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Dickerson returned Wednesday from a visit to Elkton relatives.

Mrs. Conlyn Eliason, of Baltimore, has been visiting Mrs. Margaret Clayton, on Cass street.

Miss Fannie Shepherd is visiting the family of the Rev. W. C. Alexander in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. T. E. Lindley, of Eastville, Va., is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Lockwood, near Warwick.

Miss Clara Lacey has returned to her home in Frederica, after a pleasant visit with Mrs. T. S. Fouracre.

Miss Maggie Brothers, of Trenton, N. J., spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Wilson.

Mrs. Ella Cooke has returned to her home in Ridley Park, Pa., after being the guest of Mrs. Josephine Dickson for several days.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

A word to the wise is sufficient.

Little Daniel Wilson is slowly recovering.

The snow of last Saturday presented a beautiful scene.

Mr. J. S. Merritt Jr. was in Wilmington last Saturday.

Mr. H. C. Aiken was a Wilmington visitor last Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Brown has been quiet ill during the past week.

Mr. C. R. Manlove, of near Middletown, spent Tuesday in town.

Miss Emma L. Vinyard is sojourning at her home on main street.

John H, Lofland is a great sufferer but somewhat improved at this writing.

Mr. Walter Aiken, of Elkton, was the guest of his brother one day last week.

Miss Daisy D. Day who has been visiting in Wilmington returned home Tuesday.

Miss Mamie Spear, of "Bohemia Manor," is the guest of her sister Mrs. S. D. Wilson.

Miss Elnora Finley, of Appleton, was the guest of Mrs. Wilson Merritt from Saturday until Monday.

Messrs. N. N. Aiken, H. C. Aiken and J. H. M. Garner were the guests of Mr. Lou Spear near Earlville last Tuesday.

A few of our townmen are afforded great sport at Blue Rock shooting for a pass time. Some of them are quiet proficient.

Mr. Harry Manlove, of Centreville, Md., was entertained at the home of his mother Mrs. B. S. Hall near town last Sunday.

There will be preaching next Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock; Jr. Endeavor at 2 P. M. and The Celebration will take place in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of this place will celebrate the 22d Anniversary of that orginazation on Sunday evening, February 1st, 1903, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. The service will be in charge of the President, Mrs. J. M. Brown. A special programme has been arranged for the occasion. The roll call of the membership and consecreation service will follow the regular programne. A special invitation is extended to the public.

TOWNSEND NOTES

Mr. Benjamin Lockerman, of Wilmington, spent several days with his parents this week.

Mrs. Albert Watts and son, is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. B. Shockley.

Mr. Wilmer Fenimore, who has been visiting Wilmington for some time, has returned to his home near town.

Mr. J. A. Lockerman, of Wilmington, was in town on Monday.

Mr. Olin Skaggs, of Philadelphia, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Henry Skaggs.

Mr. Lester Naylor has returned home from an extended visit to Wilmington.

Mr. Levi Lattomus, of town, has accepted a position in Wilmington.

Mr. Roy Hutchison has secured a position in Betts' Machine Shop, Wilmington.

The colored school has been closod for several days, on account of the teacher, Miss Lena Ferguson, having been called home by the death of her uncle.

The colored people of Townsend, are erecting a new school-house on South street, nearly opposite the colored M. E. Church.

Mr. Jacob Shallcross, of Dewey Park, was in town on Wednesday.

The Ladies' Aid of Townsend M. E. Church held a "box social" in the school house hall on Wednesday evening, January 27th. The hall was filled with people and the bidding for the boxes was spirited, some of the young men not being satisfied with less than two or three. At the close of the sale of the boxes, the silk quilt which the Ladies' Aid had made for the benefit of the new church was sold to the highest bidder, Prof. H. K. McCabe was the purchaser, price $17.00. Several young men from Odessa were present, and took a lively interest in the sale of the boxes. Every body appeared to have a good time. Receipts were nearly $50.00.

It Keeps the Feet Warm and Dry

Ask to-day for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Chilblains, Swollen, Sweating, Sore, Aching, Damp feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c.

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ST. GEORGES ITEMS

Theodore Jones was a Wilmington visitor on Monday.

Clark Thompson has returned from a visit to relatives in Smyrna.

Mr. Jessup, of Swarthmore, Pa., was an over Sunday visitor at the manse.

Edward Lester and wife, of Middletown, are guests of Henry Lester and family.

Mrs. Catharine Smith, of Porters, is spending this week with her brother, D. B. Stewart.

J. H. Paynter who has been ill is sufficiently recovered to enable him to get down stairs.

Miss Anna Moore, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents, John Moore and wife.

Miss Lizzie Riley left for Philadelphia on Tuesday, where she will remain for an indefinite period.

Mrs. Lelia Adams, of Easton, Md., is a guest of Rev. J. H. Geoghegan and wife at the M. E. Parsonage.

Rev. G. L. Hardesty and wife, of Smyrna, were guests of John W. Carrow, Jr., and family this week.

George Swain and family are entertaining Mrs. Mortlock and Misses Maude and Alice Mortlock, of Wilmington.

A car load of coal has arrived at Kirkwood for Fred T. Hildebrand of this town, the first he has been able to obtain this winter.

Postmaster D. B. Stewart was seriously injured on Sunday evening by falling on the icy pavement while on his way to church. Although no bones were broken he was very much bruised. Dr. J. W. Dewitt who is in attendance, thinks he will be able to leave his bed in about ten days.

Notwithstanding the bad weather and muddy roads a good sized audience was present and enjoyed the entertainment given by the young people of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church Thursday evening. Little Miss Alice Mortlock, of Wilmington, delighted the audience by her songs and greceful dancing. A neat sum was realized above all expenses.

The following grand officers Grand Master Workman, Groves; Brothers James Oliver, James Clark and Dr. Samuels, of Marshallton, were present on Monday evening and installed the following officers of Protection Lodge, No. 20, A. O. U. W.: P. M. W., Catch Cannon; M. W., William Cox; Foreman, S. M. Haman; Overseer, J. B. McMullen; Guide, John Gam; Inside Watch, George Swain; Outside Watch, Edgar Carrow; Recorder, A. N. Sutton; Financier, J. W. Carrow, Jr.; Reciever, J. C. Stuckert.

CHESAPEAKE CITY NEWS

Miss Mary Steele visited Elkton friends last week.

Revival services are in progress in the M. E. Church.

N. A. Van Buskirk visited his daughter in Cecilton, last week.

Frank W. Jefferson, of Lehigh University, visited town Saturday.

As usual Mr. Missouri Peterson was the first out with his sleigh.

Mr. Charles Foster, of Rhode Island, is the guest of his mother here.

Mrs. Clara Hemphill and daughters are visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. Polk Steele is entertaining Miss Eugenia Pierce, of Germantown, Pa.

Mr. C. E. Clark, of the Ericsson line, has been the guest of his sister, Miss Alice Clark.

Mrs. H. V. Manlove and daughter have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Boulden.

Mrs. W. H. Jones, of the Manor, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Catharine Loraine, part of last week.

The Scott Fertilizer Co., bought and hauled to Elkton 25 tons of coal from Bennett & Woolley last week.

The Junior Mission Band of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. James S. Hopper on Tuesday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Poole and Mrs. William Karsner spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Bouchelle on the Manor.

Drs. J. V. Wallace and Harry Cleaver attended the meeting of the Cecil County Medical Society held in Elkton last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Woolley attended the reception given by the Baltimore and Washington Chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

St. Monica's Guild of the Episcopal Church, met at the home of Mrs. Byron Bouchelle on Wednesday evening last. Mrs. Bouchelle was elected President and Mrs. Bennett Steele Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Arrangements were made for a Valentine Tea to be held at the home of Miss Alice Boulden.

The public school by-laws state that there shall be a public examination of the pupils in each school twice a year to which parents and school officers shall be invited, and the examination shall be reported to the school board in accordance with this rule. The semi-annual examinations were held at the Chesapeake City school this week, beginning Monday.

The Cecil Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy held a special meeting on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. W. C. Karsner. The occasion being the birthday of Robert E. Lee. A special program was rendered after which refreshments were served. Those present were: Mrs. Waitmen Smithers, Mrs. W. C. Karsner, Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, Mrs. Bennett Steele, Mrs. Emma Willis, Mrs. Annie Egee, Misses Margaret Queck, Florence Egee, Elsie Karsner, Lionnie Beaston and Dora Steele.

FLORIDA

The first Pennsylvania Railroad tour of the season to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington by special train on February 3d.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth,) and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50.00; Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington, $48.00; Pittsburg, $53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, or to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

GUARD AGAINST FIRE

At the meeting of the Trustees for the Poor of New Castle County Wednesday afternoon at Farnhurst, the question of better fire protection was discussed and the report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds regarding the matter was adopted, and the Levy Court will be asked for an appropriation of $7,000 to install the system.

The plan, as outlined, is to construct a lake in front or the hospital and pump the water direct from the miniature reservoir by a powerful steam pump. The plugs will also be placed around the building and when the proposed improvements have been completed, it will be possible to throw three streams of water over the structure for a period of four hours.

Superintendent Blackburn said the institution is a death-trap, and the new fire system was sorely needed. When asked how long it would take to remove the patients, with his present force in the event of a fire, Mr. Blackburn explained that as a good many of the inmates would have to be carried out it would probably take an hour.

Dr. Columbus Henry was unable to be present at the meeting on account of illness, and Trustee Walker acted as temporary chairman. The following contracts were awarded for supplying the institution for the ensuing three months:

Butter, Odessa Creamery, at 29 cents per pound; shoes, M. Monaghan; tobacco, Fringes Brothers Company; beef, M. Matthes at 6⅝ cents a pound; dry goods, William B. Sharp & Co.; groceries, W. E. Frank; mutton, M. Matthes at 7 cents per pound; bread, J. J. Schrade at 2¾ cents per pound; drugs, S. C. McKeever.

The bills for outside relief during the quarter were: Brandywine hundred, $28.77; Wilmington, northeastern district. $49; southeastern, $373.87; northwestern, $204.80; southwestern, $1,215.36; total for Wilmington hundred, $1,843.03; Christiana, $30; New Castle, $299.65; Red Lion; $47; White Clay Creek, $38.11; Pencader, $45.50; St. Georges, $272.92; Blackbird, $18.25; Appoquinimink, $68.03; grand total, $2,691.26.

The following pay-rolls were approved and ordered paid: General hospital, $440.84; Emergency Hospital, $83; total, $523.84.

The report of Superintendent Blackburn for the quarter showed a total population of 213 at this date, of which 170 are white and 43 colored persons.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS

There were some very big dinners given during last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry visited Middletown on Friday last.

Mr. R. B. Hopkins has been elected president of the Milton Fire Company.

Mr. R. Batlett, of near Baltimore, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Staats.

On account of the inclement weather Sunday no services were held in our churches.

There was a heavy snow storm here on Saturday and Sunday but we had no sleighing.

Many farmers have decidednot to contract with canners for either tomatoes or vegetables.

Mr. Robert S. Griffith, of Pittsburg, Pa., is being entertained by his sister, Mrs. W. E. Staats.

Director W. L. Amoss closed his series of State Farmers' Institutes in Cecil County Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Shallcross, of Locust Grove, was entertained by her cousin, Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross, last week.

A steel bridge will shortly be built over Kent Narrows by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County.

Rev. J. M. Mitchell has been invited to return as pastor of Seaford Methodist Episcopal Circuit for another year.

The jurors for the April term of Circuit Court for Kent County were drawn last week by Judge James Alfred Pearce.

Monday night was far from being dull Socially, although the rain poured down in torrents, the dance was largely attended.

Our enterprising young miller, Mr. Louis Dreka, Jr., is running his mill day and night and is making a very fine grade of flower and plenty of it.

The Mt. Vernon Literary Society of Washington College, Chestertown, has accepted a challenge from the Bancroft Literary Society of Baltimore City College for a debate.

Our public school was closed last Thursday on accont of no coal, but Mr. Harry Griffith generously came to their aid, as he always does, and sent in a large two-horse wagon full of good wood, and the next day school duties were resumed.

The funeral of Miss Sarah Caulk, of Middletown, took place here Tuesday in the Rehoboath M. P. Cemetery. Miss Caulk was a daughter of the late Jacob and Sarah Coulk. She was 82 years old and the aunt of W. E. Staats and Mrs. James Davis near town.

One of our friends who went South last week who is very fond of gunning and fishing, though he would go fishing for a few hours, and when he went to procure his man and boat he found it would cost him just fifteen dollars, so he concluded he wouldn't fish with hook and line in Southern waters.

Doc Jacobs judge of the Orphans' Court in Kent County in company with his nephew Mr. Arnold Stewart and Mr. T. Othoson, killed last week ten wild geese. All together they have killed thirty wild geese and crippled five this winter. These gentlemen are considered first-class shots as well as good farmers.

UNLUCKY MONEY

If you are superstitious about number 13, you ought not to carry in your pocket or use in any way a silver quarter dollar. Do you happen to have one about you now? If so, take it out and see how it teems with 13's. For instance: It has 13 stars, 13 letters in the eagle's beak, 13 feathers in the egle's tail, 13 feathers in the eagle's wing, 13 parallel bars on the shield, 13 horizontal stripes, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 arrowheads and 13 letters in the words "quarter dollar."

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State Sunday School Convention

The next annual convention of the Delaware State Sunday school Union will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lewes on April 16th and 17th. This was decided at a meeting of the association which was held at the office of William K. Crosby, in Wilmington, a few days ago. The following committee was appointed to arrange a programe: Samuel H. Baynard, Frank Sheppard, Dr. F. W. Lang, Prof. H. S. Goldey and C. H. Cantwell, of Wilmington. Walter O. Hoffecker, of Smyrna, was appointed chorister for the convention.

Bishop Coleman Entertains

Bishop Coleman, president of the Transatlantic Society, will entertain two noted English visitors at dinner in Philadelphia on February 5th. They are Lord Charles Beresforn, member of Parliment, and rear-admiral in the British navy, and Harry De Windt, traveler and lecturer, who will be the guests of the Transatlantic Society and will speak in the evening at the Academy of Music.

Preacher-Lawyer's Misfortune

Willard E. West, who some years ago was a member of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, and was stationed at Preston, and later was admitted to the bar and practiced here, has been sent from Cambridge, where he has lived for sometime, to the hospital for the insane at Sykesville for treatment. His friends have hope of his recovery.—*Denton Journal.*

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	78	Corn—	
No. 2	76	Yellow, shelled	50
Timothy Seed	$2.65	" cob	47
Clover Seed	10½c	Oats	50

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	25@38
Country Butter, per lb	24@29
Creamery Butter, per lb	33
Lard, per lb	12@15
Live Chickens, per lb	12@14
Potatoes, per basket	25@30

Public Sale!

The undersigned, having purchased a fruit farm, will sell at Public Sale, on the G. F. Brady home farm, ¼ mile south of Mt. Pleasant, Del.,

Thursday, Feb. 12, '03

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,
The following described Personal Property, to-wit:

14 Head of Horses, Mules and Colts

No. 1.—Glenwood, light bay horse, 3 years old, sired by Nutwood Prince, dam Hambletonian; broken to single and double harness, work anywhere and a fine driver.

No. 2.—Lady Thorn, dark bay mare, coming 4 years old, sired by Patchen, dam Hambletonian; broken to all harness, and will work anywhere. This mare is very stylish and no better driver in the State. She is fearless of steam and safe for a lady to drive.

No 3.—Maud, sorrel mare, 9 years old, excellent worker and good driver and in foal. You cannot place her wrong.

No. 4.—Mag, brown mare, 9 years old. Her equal cannot be found for work and a fair driver.

No. 5.—Rooster, brown horse, good worker and fine driver. Can trot a mile in less than three minutes, and safe for lady to drive.

No. 6.—Kate, gray mare, good worker and excellent brood mare, and in foal.

No. 7.—Julia, black mare, 14 years old, good worker and fine brood mare, in foal. This mare is as true as steel.

No. 8.—Mollie, black mare, an excellent worker and makes a fine team with No. 4.

Nos. 9 and 10.—John and Nancy, pair of bay mules, 15½ hands high. These mules are good workers and true as steel. Can't hook them wrong.

No. 11.—Easter, Gilt Edge mare, coming 2 years old. This is a very stylish and promising colt. Dam by Grey Morrell.

No. 12.—Mabel, dark bay mare, coming 2 years old, sire Dan Murphey, dam by Hambletonian, out of No. 4. This is a handsome colt.

No. 13.—Sanburn, bay horse colt, 7 months old. A very fine colt.

No. 14.—Sorrel Wilkes, roan mare colt, 6 months old.

17 Head Cattle

Consisting of 10 Milch Cows. Some fresh, others close springers, Two heifers, coming 1 year old, two heifers 6 months old. These cows are fine milkers, no better in the State. They are all young and worth the attention of any dairyman.

1 Thoroughbred Holstein Bull.

Two Bulls 6 months old. 1 Thoroughbred Durham.

1 Very Fine Brood Sow.

will farrow in March.

Farming Implements, Etc.:

Two iron axle farm wagons, (Buehm and Peterson makes,) one new, other good as new; 3 two-horse plows, 1 one-horse plow, 2 hand cultivators, 1 Deering Binder, 7 foot cut, new; 1 Farmers' Favorite grain drill, 11 spouts, new last fall; 1 Buckeye mower, nearly new; 1 Steel Buckeye rake. new, 2 new hay riggings, 1 Elevator grain fan, new; 1 Spring tooth harrow, nearly new; 1 60-tooth drag harrow, new; 1 dearborn, (Peterson make,) new; 1 Surrey, new, only used a few times; 1 York carriage, in good order; 1 Spindle Wagon, in good order; 1 carriage pole, new; 1 dearborn pole, in good order; 2 sets of wagon harness in good order; 6 sets of plow harness, 1 set of double carriage harness, new only used a few times; 3 sets of single harness, one of which is new, other sets in good order; lot of collars, bridles, hoes, shovels, spades, forks, single, double, three and four-horse trees, 1 hay fork and 100 feet of rope, new; 1 pair of horse clippers, in good order; 1 sewing machine, (Wheeler and Wilson,) in sewing order; 3 milk cans, 1 coal stove, and many other articles not herein mentioned.

Also, one-half Interest in 51 Acres of WHEAT in the Ground.

Terms of Sale:

All sums of $20 and under Cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of Ten months will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser, interest added from day of sale. Positively no goods to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

ELWOOD B. CLEAVER.

JOSEPH M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
J. FRANK ELIASON, Inside Clerk.
SULIAN G. CLEAVER, JR., Outside Clerk.

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THE TRANSCRIPT $1.

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The Baltimore & Ohio Roalroad has placed on sale at all principal offices east of the Ohio River, Winter Tourist Tickets to points in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina and Texas; also Havana, Cuba, and Nassau, N. P., at reduced rates.

For additional information call on Agent Baltimore & Ohio R. R., or write H. A. Miller, T. P. A., Wilmington, Del.

Public Sale!

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at public sale, at his residence on his farm known as St. Anne's or Gilpin Farm, opposite Old St. Anne's Church, 1 mile South of Middletown, Delaware,

Friday, Feb. 20, 1903,

At 10 o'clock A. M.,
The following Personal Property, to-wit:

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BY SARAH JOHNSON

ELIZABETH was meditating about an advertisement in the *Denver News*. She was pleasant to look upon and she was daintily dressed. Moreover, she was 25. I tell her age because Elizabeth doesn't care. She is sensible.

Finally she laid the paper down, and, looking into the mirror across the room, remarked to her vis-a-vis, as she shook her little fist vaguely at some imaginary opponent.

"Do it, Elizabeth! You have always been unconventional enough; now be 'unreasonable and foolish,' as I daresay brother Dick would aver."

The advertisement was nothing more or less than this: Wanted: a good plain cook for a mining camp of 6 men in the mountains about 50 miles from Denver. One over 30 preferred. Apply at Room——, Equitable Bldg.

"Can you cook!" demanded Elizabeth of the vis-a-vis.

"Why, I should like to know, did Providence bestow five brothers and a father upon you, and allow you to look after them for a number of years, if not to fit you for just such a place as this? And now that you are removed from the necessity of looking after your own, why not look after somebody else's father and brothers, when it is so evidently your duty? Besides, Elizabeth, you've wanted to go to the mountains for a year, and you know you are desperately tired of that stuffy office. Why not breathe the pure air up there for awhile, and make a kind of terrestrial heaven for those lonely men, that is, if they will let you. Do you know, Elizabeth, you do not look like you could cook, and you do not look 30. But then, you can comb your hair down like this, and look more sober. A good plain cook—at first thought, a cook who is good and plain—but, manifestly, just good plain cooking. I have an idea, though, that there is a general supposition that a pretty woman cannot cook, except, perhaps, to do a little occasional fussing in her own home. It is high time that public sentiment was educated up to attractive, refined cooks, and if the responsibility is to fall upon me, I shall begin the schooling process at once. Now, I trust you are sufficiently complimented," she concluded, (Elizabeth had a habit of complimenting herself. She said it was a means of keeping up her spirits, although to the casual observer Elizabeth's spirits did not need any bolstering up) "and perhaps you had better investigate this future field for the exercise of your many virtues."

The vis-a-vis smiled encouragingly, and Elizabeth put on her hat and coat and went tripping down the boarding house stairs, humming an old-fashioned tune. With all her fashionable trimness and up-to-date-ness, she was a little bit of an old-fashioned girl, old-fashioned like her name, and just as substantial.

Two other boarders were lingering in the hall. They smiled at her, and one remarked to the other, "There's that lovely girl again. She is like a burst of sunshine."

"She is good for the blues," he replied.

"What did you say, miss?" asked the old gentleman who sat at the desk.

"I came to inquire about the advertisement in the *News* this morning, and to apply for the position."

"To apply," he echoed in astonishment. "Oh! I see! Can you answer for the qualifications of this person?"

"Yes, sir, better than anyone else. I am the person, sir," said Elizabeth.

"Impossible! Did you ever cook in a mining camp?" he exclaimed, gazing in wonder at the blooming young face and the trim, dainty figure.

"No, sir! But I know I can"—with great self-assurance.

"But do you know anything about a mining camp?"

"No—not very much," acknowledged Elizabeth.

He smiled. "Sit down, and I will give you some idea of the mountains and mining camp life. To begin with, a mining camp cabin is not usually a Queen Anne cottage, with upholstered furniture and lace curtains; neither does it have a coachman and pair attached, nor much landscape gardening about. In fact, a mining cabin is about as primitive a dwelling as you can imagine, with very few conveniences, and very many inconveniences. Ours, which is somewhat better than most of them, is a two-room cabin, the larger one used as kitchen and dining room; the other is where the miners bunk.

It is far up in the mountains, distant from any other habitation except that of the foreman's family. This family, by the way, will furnish lodging for the cook, and will be almost her only associates. Of course, some day we will have a Cripple Creek there, but at present it is very lonesome. Then there is some snow the greater part of the year, and very heavy snow much of that time. Nothing but groves of pine and aspen, and stretches of snow, and mountains and solitude. How do you like the prospect?"

"Groves of pine—stretches of snow—mountains and solitude. It hath a soothing sound after the continued din of noisy streets amid the haunts of men. I like the prospect much," said Elizabeth.

"Why do you think you could fill such a place, and why should you want to?" he asked.

"I think I could fill it because I am a sensible woman—much older than you think—and I can cook, and am not afraid of work. And I want to because I love the mountains, the freedom of them and the pure air and the peace and the solitude that is there, yet I cannot afford to live anywhere long without making my expenses; and because I like to make a home for somebody, and I have no one to make a home for."

Elizabeth ended a little chokingly, thinking of other days.

The old gentleman looked at her kindly and understandingly. "I believe you might do it, and I have a mind to let you try—though the boys will think I am crazy when they see you, I am sure. Do you know—have you any idea—how much a common-sized miner, say one who does not happen to be very hungry at the time, can eat at one sitting?"

"I can guess. I have had a father and five brothers who have been hungry at one time or another, and besides, just so one can cook a thing, one can always cook more of it."

"Very true," he assented. "I would advise you to make it a point to always cook more of it."

"Then I may go?" she asked, with a beaming face.

"Yes, we will try you," he said. "Come in in the morning and I will have a ticket for you. Meanwhile, I will send word that you are coming and someone will be at the terminus of the line to meet you. You can go to-morrow?"

"Yes, sir."

"Very well," he said, and bowing, he turned abruptly to his desk.

The two heavy mountain engines puffed their way slowly round curves and over bridges, the ascent was 200 feet to the mile in some places, and there were eight full coaches behind them; so close to the rushing stream at times that they seemed to be puffing their way over it; through narrow, rock-bound gorges; then suddenly emerging into a miniature valley with widening stream and a circle of mountains all in gold and green with the aspen and pine, and dotted here and there with patches of snow. It was September, and although the frosts had tinted the aspen, some of the hardier wild flowers were still blooming in corners and crannies of rocks and around the pines. The Columbine seemed bent on out-doing all others in reward for her exalted position as state flower, and thrust up her blue and white by patches of snow, among the rocks and by the stream.

It was Elizabeth's first glimpse into this grand and gorgeous fairyland, and she enjoyed it with a tenderfoot enthusiasm. So much that she could hardly believe her own ears when the brakeman shouted out the terminus of the line. She was the only woman who alighted at the station, and the boy in the heavy mountain cart who was evidently waiting for someone, after surveying her critically for awhile finally approached, and lifting the remains of his miner's cap off his head, inquired:

"Be you the cook the boss sent up from Denver?"

"I suppose I must be the cook you are looking for. I am going to the L——Mining camp."

"Alright, ma'am. They sent me for you. Jest climb in my cart here. It will be most dark now afore we git there."

Elizabeth climbed in with all the grace and agility of a bicycle rider, and they started.

"How far is it?" she asked.

"Only seven miles, miss, but it takes along about three hours to do it. Ever over a mountain road?"

"No."

"Well, they're kind of dangerous like, and we like to pull into camp fore dark, if possible."

"Oh," said Elizabeth, "thugs, I suppose."

"No, miss. They stays more in Denver. More money there, you know. I jest meant that the road was rocky and narrow. But you will see."

And Elizabeth saw, verily. Occasionally she shut her eyes so she could not see. How dreadfully narrow the road was, and how precipitous the side of the canon, and how far down to the bottom. Then the road curved so sharply in places they seemed to be riding out into space. If one of those horses should slip! Once as they turned a sharp curve they nearly collided with a teamster on his way down. Joe (the boy was Joe, the general roustabout. Excuse me for not introducing him before, for Joe is a very important personage) pulled up the horses with a sharp "Hello there, stranger!" "Dear me!" said Elizabeth, "what shall we do?" There were only two ways, one was straight up and the other was straight down, and she scarcely liked the idea of going either way.

"This is the way we does it, miss," said Joe. And he backed his horses down, keeping close into the rocky wall, till they reached a wider space. Then the stranger drove cautiously around them.

"How lucky it was that there happened to be a place wide enough," she observed.

Joe grinned. "Oh, they makes them that way on purpose ever once in awhile, because if they didn't, you know, a feller might have to back clear down to the bottom four or five miles, and if he had to do that three or four times he wouldn't be likely to get home till sometime day after next or thereabouts. That there kind of an arrangement would kinder delay travel, I am thinking."

"Oh, to be sure," said Elizabeth. "How foolish I am. I am a tenderfoot about the mountains, you know."

They were very sure-footed and sagacious, those mountain climbers; nevertheless, she heaved a sigh of relief as they turned into a wider road. The boy pulled up the horses for a rest, and she turned to look behind. She had gazed at the mountains from a distance every day, and she loved them as all do who are long in their vicinity, but she had never looked over them and down upon them, and the shifting light and shade, as the clouds passed above and around them, the brown and gray of the rocks, the green and gold of the trees, the glistening white of the snowy range in the distance, the stream so far beneath it was but a silver thread, made a picture that delighted all that was artistic in her.

"It should make one both good and great to live always in the mountains, she thought, and then laughed to think of a cook being great.

Never mind, Elizabeth. There is nothing grander in the world than to serve it. If you get tired of doing it one way, why just be glad that you can do it in some other.

In another hour they pulled up before the foreman's cabin, just as it was growing dusk. A man came out, and Joe performed the ceremony of introduction with a flourish befitting the occasion

"This is Mr. Giles, which is the foreman of the mine. Mr. Giles, this is the young lady what expects to cook for us, and I do not happen to know her name.

"I am Elizabeth, the cook, Mr. Giles, she said, smiling. Mr. Giles looked surprised, but he shook her hand very cordially.

"You are welcome, miss, and we hope you will like us. Come in. My wife will be most awfully glad of your company.

Mrs. Giles was even more cordial. She patted her on the back and said, My dear, I am so glad to have you here, though I declare, it does not seem possible that you can be going to do the work at the camp. I am sure you must be tired after that long rough ride up the mountains. Supper is ready. Come and sit down, and just feel at home. Elizabeth needed no second invitation, but proceeded to eat and to make herself at home in her own hearty fashion. They have heart-warming ways, the mountain people. They are immediately interested in every stranger, for strangers are scarce. In a city full of strangers, it is not strange, perhaps, that we will sit at the same table and never speak to each other, nor even pass the salt unless we are requested to do so.

Mrs. Giles explained to Elizabeth that she was not to bother about the camp until the next day. She would not be expected until time to prepare dinner, and she would have time to look about and find things in the morning.

"And I would advise you to go to bed early. In this high altitude we need plenty of sleep and plenty of good substantial food to repair the rapid waste. We must breathe more deeply to get enough of this light air. Then our hearts beat more quickly, and the blood fairly bounds through our veins. We live faster up here than you do on the plains, or die faster, perhaps I might say," she said.

The Giles cabin had three rooms. Elizabeth's sleeping room was large enough for a three quarter bed, a chair and a table, with just enough space between to get around comfortably without stepping on her own toes. Mrs. Giles was bidding her goodnight at the door of her room, when Elizabeth said, "I understood you had a family, Mrs. Giles, but I cannot discover any," peering under the kitchen table, and the chairs and the stove, in her funny way.

"Oh, well, Elizabeth, it might be in another wing of the palace altogether, you see. Come and I will show you. She took her into the other bedroom, and cuddled there in his little bed, was such a sweet-looking and handsome little fellow of four years, that her heart was captivated at once. She stooped and kissed the unconscious face. "He is a great part of my little world, this little boy, my Harry," said Mrs. Giles, softly.

As Elizabeth fell asleep she was thinking she should like Mrs. Giles and her family very much, and in her very first dream she was trying to save little Harry from some impending danger.

Meanwhile over in the mining cabin, Joe was enjoying a great deal of notoriety. He was frying bacon. Joe was a youth of many and varied accomplishments. The boys came in for supper, and he awaited his opportunity. "Great Hezekiah! Ye jest ought to see what the boss sent us from Denver," he said finally, as he slammed the tin bacon platter on the table.

"Oh! he sent us a fresh supply, did he? Where is it?" said Tom Landon, looking around for something in the shape of eatables.

"Naw, taint here. I left it over to Giles," said Joe.

"Well, what is the matter with having some for supper? I got a dainty appetite myself, and I am tired of bacon, said Tim O'Connor.

"Naw, sir! Not till to-morrow dinner time, said Joe, firmly and solemnly.

"How is the cook, Joe? asked Mr. Jeffrey, as they gathered around the table. (He was the only Mister in common usage at the camp, that honor being accorded him only because of his age).

"Oh, a regular buster. Leading lady—whole show—new play." said Joe, rolling up his eyes.

"Anything like the other one? queried Tim.

"Naw, not much. Not more than half, anyway."

"Come off, Joe. I do not believe you got her at all, said Will Jenkins.

"I guess I did. I think so. I am not sure, said Joe meditatively.

Jack Carison picked up a stool threateningly, Are you going to tell us about that cook or not?

"Not on your life, said Joe, dodging the stool accurately, and went for a pail of water. And when he climbed into his bunk an hour later, he was still possessor of his secret, and chuckling to think of their surprise on the morrow.

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New Castle	7.52	8 42	. . .	3.18	4.15	7.12	. .
State Road	f 7.57	8.47	. . .	f 3 23	. . .	f 7.17	. .
Bear	f 8.02	f 8.52	. . .	f 3 :8	‡ 4.21	7 22	. .
Porter	8.07	8.58	‖ 11.22	f 3.33	4 29	7.27	. .
Kirkwood	8.12	9 08	e 11.26	f 3.38	. . .	7.32	. .
Mt. Pleasant	8.21	9.12	. . .	f 3.47	f 7.40	. . .	. .
Armstrong	8.25	9.16	. . .	f 3.51	f 7.44	. . .	. .
Middletown	8.31	9 21	11.40	3.56	4 4	7.50	12.49
Townsend	‡ 8. 1	9 30	. . .	4.02	5.04	7.58	. .
Blackbird	f 8. 5	f 9.34	. . .	f 4.12	. . .	f 8.02	. .
Green Spring	8.43	f 9 39	. . .	f 4.17	. . .	f 8.07	. .
Clayton	f 8.50	9 45	11 57	4.22	5.18	8.13	1.08
Smyrna Lv.	8.59	9.53	11.47	4.32	5 08	8.03	. . .
Brenford	f 9.06	f 9 50	. . .	f 4.27	. . .	f 8.18	. . .
Cheswold	f 9.11	f 9.56	. . .	f 4.32	. . .	f 8.23	. . .
Dupont	. . .	. . .	. . .	f 4.35	. . .	. . .	. . .
Dover	9.20	10 05	12.13	4.42	5.37	8.33	1 27
Wyoming	9.28	10.11	f 12.19	4 45	5 43	8.39	1.35
Woodside	f 9.39	f 10 18	. . .	. . .	f 5.50	f 8 46	. . .
Viola	f 9.43	f 10 :2	. . .	. . .	f 5.54	f 8. 0	. . .
Felton	9.48	10 27	12.30	. . .	5 59	8.55	1.49
Harrington	10.1	10 38	12.43	. . .	6 10	9.6	1.59
Harrington Lv.	. . .	§ 10.40	. . .	. . .	§ 6.14	. . .	. . .
Georgetown	. . .	11.24	. . .	. . .	7 08	. . .	. . .
Berlin	. . .	12.32	. . .	. . .	8.06	. . .	. . .
Ocean City (B. C. & A. Ry) Ar	. . .	12 45	. . .	. . .	0.35	. . .	. . .
Farmington	f 10.09	f 10 46	. . .	. . .	f 6.18	f 9.14	. . .
Greenwood	10.17	10.51	12.58	. . .	6 26	9 22	. . .
Bridgeville	10 25	11.02	1.06	. . .	6 34	9.30	2 22
Cannons	f 10 30	f 11 07	. . .	f . . .	f 6.39	f 9.35	. . .
Seaford	10 40	11 15	1.17	. . .	6 8	9 44	2.34
Laurel	10.50	11.24	1.27	. . .	6. 8	9 54	2.45
Delmar	11.00	11.34	1.36	. . .	7.08	10 04	2.55
Salisbury		11.51	1.50		7.22		3.10
Cape Charles			4.30				5.40
Old Point Comfort			6.30				7.40
Norfolk			7.35				8.45
	A.M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. 82	MAIL. 86	EXP. 90	MAIL. 92	PASS. 84	EXP. 94	PASS 96
	A. M.	A. M	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Norfolk	§ 6.20					§ 7.45	
Old Point Comfort	7.30					8 40	
Cape Charles	9.25					10.55	
Salisbury	12.35			7.35		1 46	3 10
Delmar	§ . . .	. . .	§ 7.06	§ 8.01	§ 11 46	§ 2 10	§ 5.30
Laurel	§ 1.19	. . .	7.16	8.11	11 55	2.20	3 42
Seaford	1.31	. . .	7.28	8 24	12.06	2 30	3.57
Cannons	. . .	. . .	f 7.36	f 8.31	f 12.14	. . .	f 4 05
Bridgeville	1.44	. . .	7.42	8 37	12 :0	2 :2	4.12
Greenwood	. . .	. . .	7.50	8.45	12 28	f 2.0	4.2.
Farmington	. . .	. . .	f 7.58	f 8.53	f 12 36	. . .	f 4.28
Ocean City (B. C. & A. Ry)	. . .	. . .	. . .	§ 6 40	. . .	. . .	. . .
Berlin	. . .	. . .	. . .	6.56	. . .	. . .	. . .
Georgetown	. . .	. . .	. . .	8.06	. . .	. . .	. . .
Harrington Ar.	. . .	. . .	. . .	8.33	. . .	. . .	. . .
Harrington	2.1	. . .	8.10	9 08	12 46	3 .6	4.44
Felton	2.27	. . .	8.19	9.18	12 54	3.15	4.5.
Viola	. . .	. . .	f 8.23	f 9.22	f 12.'8	. . .	f 4.57
Woodside	. . .	. . .	f 8.27	f 9.'6	f 1.02	. . .	f 5.02
Wyoming	§ 2 42	§ 7 01	8 34	9 33	1 :9	§ 3 28	5.10
Dover	2 49	7.07	8.40	9.40	1.16	3 34	5.17
Dupont	. . .	f 7.11	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Cheswold	. . .	f 7.16	. . .	f 9 56	1.23	. . .	f 5.39
Brenford	. . .	f 7.21	. . .	f 10.01	1.28	. . .	f 5.34
Smyrna Lv.	. . .	7.18	8 43	9 57	. . .	3 46	5.30
Clayton	3.02	7.28	8 .8	10 07	1.34	3 .2	5 40
Green Spring	. . .	f 7.32	. . .	. . .	f 1 38	. . .	f 5 44
Blackbird	. . .	f 7.38	. . .	f 10 15	f 1.43	. . .	f 5 0
Townsend	. . .	7.43	9.11	10 19	1.48	4 0	5. 6
Middletown	3.30	7.52	9.30	10.27	1.56	4.14	6 05
Armstrong	. . .	f 7.56	. . .	. . .	f 2.00	. . .	f 6.09
Mt Pleasant	. . .	8.00	. . .	f 10 34	2 04	. . .	6.13
Kirkwood	. . .	8.09	. . .	10 42	2. 2	. . .	6.21
Porter	. . .	8.15	9.40	10 47	f 2.7	4.34	6.26
Bear	. . .	f 8.2'	. . .	10 52	f 2.2'	. . .	f 6 31
State Road	. . .	f 8 25	. . .	f 10 57	f 2. 7	. . .	f 6.36
New Castle	. . .	8.31	9.58	11 02	2.32	. . .	6.41
Farnhurst	. . .	f 8.36	f 9 57	f 11 07	f 2.37	. . .	f 6.46
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	10 66	11.18	2.46	5 00	6.55
Baltimore	6.14	10.31	11.23	11.41	5.00	7 0	8 40
Philadelphia	5.10	9 32	10 54	12.06	3.40	5 44	7.48
	A. M.	A. M	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.

‖ Daily. § Daily except Sunday.
"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.
"e" Stops to leave passengers from New York Division.
"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent, or on signal.
"t" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.
"p" Stops to take on passengers for Cape Charles and beyond.
"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilmington and points north.
*On Saturdays arrives 9.25 p. m.
‡ Arrives daily except Saturday and Sunday.

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Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.35 and 9.10 p.m., week days Returning leave Chincoteague 10.45 a. m., and 5.30 p. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown and Lewes at 10.42 a m., 6.14 p. m., week days Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a. m and 1.29 p. m. week-days.

Leave Harrington for Rehoboth 10.42 a. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only. Returning, leave Rehoboth 1.07 p m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10.42 a. m. and 6.14 p. m. week days. Returning, leave Berlin 6.56 a m and 1.03 p. m. week days.

Leave Massey for Chestertown and way stations 10.02 a. m. and 5.37 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Chestertown 7.18 a m. and 2.35 p. m. week-days.

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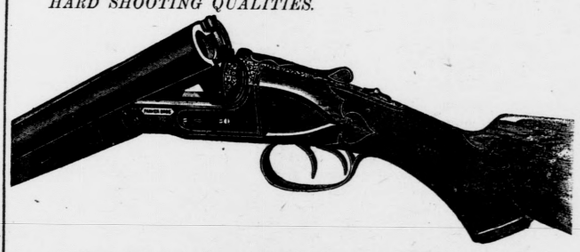

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